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I urge upon the hon. Minister of Human Resource Development to look into their grievances and do justice to them without further loss of time.

(v) Need to develop Kota, Bundi and Jhalawar region as tourist centres

SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE (Jhalawar): Sir, adequate attention has not been paid by the Government for the development of tourism infrastructure in the Kota, Bundi and Jhalawar region. The region is well connected by rail and road. There are several natural attractions like rivers, forests and wildlife. Forts, palaces, *havelies* and other man-made structures of the past, lakes, dams and other water bodies constitute potential resources for the entertainment of the tourists. Colourful fairs and festivals of the region, Kota sarees and handicrafts draw the attention of the domestic as well as foreign tourists.

Despite these positive factors, tourism in this region has not been developed to the expected level. The local population is totally unaware of the economic significance of tourism, particularly in transforming the idle resources available in that region. The region has not received adequate exposure through national and international publicity. Therefore, the Central as well as the State Governments should launch intensive publicity campaign about the region, both within the country and abroad. The Central Government should take immediate steps for proper restoration, renovation and maintenance of several forts, palaces and monuments, landscaping and beautification of tourist spots, deweeding, desilting and maintenance of lakes, introduction of water sports facilities, improvements of roads, provision of drinking water, snacks bar facilities, construction of hotels or middle-class as well as foreign tourists and restaurants in that region.

I urge the Central Government to take immediate steps in the matter.

(vi) Need to conduct a survey for a railway route between Achencoil and Angamaly in Kerala

SHRI P. C. THOMAS (Muvattupuzha): Sir, Malayora Railway, a rail route, proposal of which had been included for Kerala from Achencoil to Angamaly in the Status Paper of the Indian Railway in 1989-90, is yet awaiting survey. This rail route will be of great importance to Kerala, and India as a whole. It will give an approach to Sabarimala, the pilgrim centre of Lord Ayyappa, which is visited by crores of people. A station at Erumely which is a place renowned for Hindu-Muslim unity and communal harmony will become one of great importance if railway shall pass through agricultural, commercial and foreign exchange earning areas of Kerala. I request the Government to make an immediate survey of this Railway.

13.14 hrs.

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[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Now we take up the General discussion on the Budget. The time allotted for this discussion was fifteen hours; we have consumed fifteen hours and twenty-six minutes. The Congress Party was allotted six hours and six minutes, it has consumed five hours and forty-eight minutes; BJP was allotted three hours ten minutes, it has consumed two hours thirty-five minutes; Janata Dal was allotted one hour thirty-one minutes, it has consumed one hour thirty-seven minutes; CPI(M) was allotted fifty-seven minutes, it has consumed one hour and twelve minutes; CPI was allotted twenty-one minutes, it has consumed one hour two minutes; TDP was allotted twenty-one